PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEBRASKA,

CONVENED AT

AUBURN, NEBRASKA,

SEPTEMBER 7–13, 1886.

PHILADELPHIA:
LUTHERAN PUBLICATION SOCIETY.
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CALENDAR 1886-1887.

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CLERICAL.

Primarii.	*Secundi.*
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MR. G. H. TROUTMAN, Danby, Neb.	MR. J. FRERICHS, Auburn, Neb.
MR. W. P. MILLER, Rising City, Neb.	MR. W. A. HEIMBERGER, Grand Island, Neb.

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT YEAR.

English.	*German.*
HOME MISSIONS.	
REV. J. G. GRIFFITH,	REV. W. T. GROMMISCH.
FOREIGN MISSIONS.	
REV. M. L. MELICK,	REV. C. THOMSEN.
CHURCH EXTENSION.	
REV. A. STUMP.	REV. J. A. FRANK.
ORDINATION.	
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BENEVOLENCE.	
REV. J. C. JACOBY.	REV. G. F. STUECHLEIN.
PREPARATORY.	
REV. G. H. SCHNUR, Jr.	REV. R. NEUMAERKER,
COMMUNION.	
REV. L. L. LIPE.	REV. CHR. MOESSNER.

TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

To be the Tuesday evening preceding the first full moon in September.

PLACE OF MEETING.

Beatrice, Neb., G. H. Albright, Pastor.

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Auburn, Nebraska, September 7–13, 1886.

The Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, met in St. Paul's Lutheran church, Auburn, Rev. J. G. Griffith, pastor, at 8 p. m.

In the absence of the President, Rev. G. H. Albright, English Secretary, preached in the English language, from the text, "I must work the work of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh in which no man can work," St. John ix. 4; and Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel, German Secretary, preached in German language.

FIRST DAY—FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8, 1886, 8:30 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. B. F. Pugh.

At 9 a. m., the first business session of Synod was formally opened by the German Secretary, the President being absent at time of opening.

In the absence of the English Secretary, Rev. A. B. Shrader was appointed to act as Secretary *pro tem.*

Roll Call.

The roll was called by the Secretary, and lay delegates were requested to hand in their certificates.

The following is a list of Clerical and Lay Delegates:

Clerical.	Entered the Ministry.	Post Office.	Lay.
1. W. F. Eyster	1841	Crete, Neb.	H. Hendricks.*
2. L. Knight	1845	Yutan, Neb.	
3. S. Cook	1851	Springfield, Neb.	
4. J. Zimmerman	1856	Dakota City, Neb.	
5. S. Aughey, LL. D.	1858	Lincoln, Neb.	
6. J. G. Grönmiller	1858	Hanover, Kan.	
7. G. H. Schnur	1860	Danby, York Co., Neb.	G. H. Troutman.
8. M. J. Tjaden	1860	Lennox, Dak.	
9. C. Baird	1861	Dakota City, Neb.	
10. H. Stekmann	1862	Hastings, Neb.	
11. J. Wolff	1863	Sterling, Neb.	
12. G. W. Simpson	1864	Ft. McKinney, Wyo.	
13. J. G. Griffith*	1867	Auburn, Neb.	E. W. Snyder.
14. Wm. Thoele	1870	Ohiowa, Neb.	
15. J. Gutleben	1870	Fontanelle, Neb.	Wm. Franke.
16. L. L. Lipe	1870	Lincoln, Neb.	L. F. M. Easterday.
17. R. Neumaerker	1872	Barada, Neb.	Wm. Oswald.
18. J. S. Detweiler	1873	Omaha, Neb.	G. A. Kinkel.*
19. I. N. Augustine	1874	Carleton, Neb.	J. A. Keine.*
20. D. H. Shultz	1875	David City, Neb.	
21. J. W. Kimmel	1876	McCook, Neb.	E. J. Hall.
22. C. Moessner	1876	Columbus, Neb.	
23. F. W. Scheibel	1876	Amazon, Neb.	
24. B. F. Pugh	1877	Rising City, Neb.	J. Miller.
25. C. Huber	1877	Yutan, Neb.	Robt. Weidensall.
26. J. N. Zimmer	1878	Elk City, Neb.	
27. G. H. Albright	1879	Beatrice, Neb.	Wm. Ebright.*
28. Wm. Rosenstengel	1878	Grand Island, Neb.	
29. A. T. Ludwig	1879	West Point, Neb.	
30. J. N. Lenker	1880	Grand Island, Neb.	
31. M. L. Melick	1880	Wayne, Neb.	A. Cleaver.*
32. F. Spriegel	1880	Centre Valley, Neb.	
33. A. B. Shrader	1881	Grand Island, Neb.	
34. H. W. Fricke	1881	Hooper, Neb.	J. Osterloh.
35. J. H. Jorgensen	1881	Omaha, Neb.	
36. W. T. Grommisch	1882	St. Joseph, Mo.	Louis Zerbst.
37. F. M. Andreason	1883	Laramie City, Wyo.	
38. H. Klockenmyer			
39. C. Sick	1883	Ponca, Neb.	
40. J. A. Frank	1883	Plattsmouth, Neb.	
41. C. H. J. Kaiser	1883	De Witte, Neb.	
42. C. J. Starner	1884	Central City, Neb.	
43. J. F. Kuhlman	1858	Roca, Neb.	J. Stein.

Clerical.	Entered the Ministry.	Post Office.	Lay.
44. C. Thomsen	1884	Home, Kan.	
45. J. C. Jacoby	1878	West Point, Neb. . .	C. H. Neilegh.*
46. G. H. Schnur, Jr. .	1885	Omaha, Neb.	
47. Adam Stump . . .	1880	North Platte, Neb.	
48. H. Schumann . . .	. .	Boheet, Neb.	
49. H. P. Hansen . . .	1881	Denver, Col.	
50. C. A. Roos	1886	St. Paul, Neb.	
51. O. L. Luschei . . .	1886	Greenleaf, Kan.	
52. Robert Atkins . . .	1879	Long Pine, Neb.	
53. M. L. Wilhelm . .	1865		
54. C. Anderson	1864	Potter, Neb.	
55. G. F. Stuechlein . .	. .	Glenville, Neb.	
56. E. J. Hall	1877	McCook, Neb.	
57. W. C. McCool . . .	1886	Spring Mills, Pa.	
58. H. O. Opsal	.	Racine, Wis.	
59. J. H. Dirks	1876	Febing, Neb.	
60. R. A. White	. .	Tekamah, Neb.	

* Properly elected, but absent.

Reception of Ministers.

The following names were added to the Clerical List:

1. Rev. J. C. Jacoby, from Synod of Northern Indiana.
2. Rev. J. G. Griffith, from New York and New Jersey Synod.
3. Rev. J. F. Kuhlman, Allegheny Synod.
4. Rev. G. H. Schnur, Jr., Central Illinois Synod.
5. Rev. Adam Stump, from West Pennsylvania Synod.

President's Report.

The President, Rev. C. Huber, read his annual report, which was received and referred to a committee.

Beloved Fathers and Brethren of the Nebraska Synod:

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us. Amen.

Being gathered together in this, the fourteenth annual convention of our Synod, it becomes us to assemble with devout gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings received and enjoyed during the past Synodical year. The blessings bestowed upon us have been of the choicest and the rarest kind.

The people within our Synodical bounds have been richly blessed both temporally and spiritually.

The Lord, in His infinite mercy, gave the rain to the land in his season, so that the desert did bloom and blossom as the rose. Not only did we receive these temporal blessings, but without any exception, to my knowledge, the pastorates of our Synod have enjoyed peace and prosperity.

Truly we may not feel satisfied with that which has been accomplished, yet withal great things have been done for us, whereof we are glad.

As we look over this venerable body and call to mind what the Father of this Synod can tell us, we may well say: "Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God." Especially grateful should we be that during the year past our ranks have been left unbroken. We are all standing, and I trust with our face to the enemy.

The health of our ministers has been very good. The work has gone forward uninterrupted. Truly the work of the Lord has prospered in our hands.

Having endeavored to discharge the many and arduous duties which you laid upon me to the best of my ability, and in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution, I herewith would respectfully submit a report of my official acts.

RESIGNATIONS.

1. Rev. D. H. Shultz resigned our congregation at Roca; the same took effect October 4, 1885.

2. Rev. M. L. Wilhelm informed me that he had resigned the Tekamah mission, the same to take effect May 1, 1886.

3. Rev. M. L. Melick resigned the Waverly mission in December, 1885, the same taking effect April 4, 1886.

4. Rev. J. W. Kimmel resigned the Auburn and Stella missions, the same taking effect March 1, 1886.

5. Rev. J. N. Lenker resigned St. Paul's English congregation at Grand Island, the same taking effect August 1, 1886.

6. Rev. D. H. Shultz, who labored for about seven months in the interests of our church at David City, resigned the work at that place, the same taking effect July 27, 1886.

7. Rev. L. Knight, who supplied the Lutheran congregation at Roca, resigned the same March 1, 1886.

8. Rev. A. B. Shrader resigned the Ponca charge, the same taking effect August 8, 1886.

DISMISSED TO OTHER SYNODS.

1. Rev. A. C. Gearhart was dismissed to the Holston Synod, April 24, 1886.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

The following brethren, having presented letters of honorable dismissal from their respective Synods, are hereby recommended to be admitted into this body.

1. Rev. J. C. Jacoby, from the Synod of Northern Indiana, May 7, 1886.

2. Rev. G. H. Schnur, Jr., a licentiate from the Synod of Central Illinois, July 28, 1886.

3. Rev. J. F. Kuhlman, from the Allegheny Synod, August 9, 1886.

4. Rev. J. G. Griffith, from the New York and New Jersey Synod, August 13, 1886.

5. Rev. Adam Stump, from the West Pennsylvania Synod, December 14, 1885.

BY AD-INTERIM LICENSE.

1. Rev. Hermann Schumann, October 12, 1885.
2. Rev. O. L. Luschei, May 18, 1886.
3. Rev. Chr. A. Roos, May 18, 1886.

FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

1. Rev. E. J. Hall, a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, desire admission into this body.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

1. Rev. J. Knight took charge again of our work at Roca, November 1, 1886.
2. Rev. Hermann Schumann accepted the call from our congregation near Boheet, October 12, 1886.
3. Rev. G. H. Schnur accepted the call extended to him by the York county Charge, and entered upon his labors the latter part of September, 1885.
4. Rev. Adam Stump accepted the appointment of the B. H. M. to North Platte, and entered upon his labors December 1, 1885.
5. Rev. M. L. Melick accepted the call to Wayne Mission, and entered upon his labors April 11, 1886.
6. Rev. J. F. Kuhlman accepted the call from our congregation at Roca, and the appointment of the B. H. M., and entered upon his labors in March, 1886.
7. Rev. J. C. Jacoby informed us April 24. 1886, that he had accepted a call to West Point.
8. Rev. J. W. Kimmel accepted the appointment of the B. H. M. to Republican Valley, and entered upon his labors March 1, 1886.
9. Rev. J. G. Griffith accepted the call to the Auburn and Stella Mission, and entered upon his labors April 1, 1886.
10. Rev. W. F. Eyster accepted the call to Waverly Mission, June 6, 1886.
11. Rev. G. H. Schnur, Jr., accepted the appointment of the B. H. M., to Omaha, Neb., and entered upon his labors August 1, 1886.
12. Rev. R. A. White, a licentiate of the Kansas Synod, accepted a call from the Oakland Charge, and entered upon his labors August 29, 1886.

INSTALLATIONS.

1. Rev. R. Neumaerker was installed pastor of St. Peter's congregation November 8, 1885, Rev. W. Th. Grommisch officiating.
2. November 15, 1885, Rev. H. Schumann was installed as pastor of our congregation near Boheet, Rev. C. Moessner officiating.
3. May 20, 1886, Rev. J. C. Jacoby was installed pastor of our congregation at West Point, Revs. C. Baird, M. L. Melick and A. B. Shrader officiating.
4. June 20, 1886, Rev. M. L. Melick was installed pastor of our mission at Wayne. Rev. A. B. Shrader delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. C. Baird to the people.

LAYING OF CORNER-STONES.

1. September 28, 1886, the corner-stone of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church at Grand Island was laid, Rev. J. N. Lenker, pastor. Rev. J. S. Detweiler preached the sermon, and Revs. S. B. Barnitz, Wm. Rosenstengel, G. H. Albright, B. F. Pugh, and C. Huber assisted.

2. The corner stone of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, Rev. J. W. Kimmel, pastor, was laid June 24, 1886, Rev. J. N. Lenker assisting.

3. July 24, 1886, the corner-stone of the Lutheran church at Franklin, Nebraska, was laid. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Kimmel, was assisted by Rev. S. B. Barnitz and F. W. Scheibel.

4. July 25, 1886, the corner-stone of the Lutheran church at North Platte was laid. The pastor, Rev. Adam Stump, was assisted by Revs. S. B. Barnitz and Wm. Rosenstengel.

DEDICATIONS.

1. November 22, 1885, the Lutheran Church at Rising City was dedicated. Rev. S. B. Barnitz preached the sermon, and Revs. D. H. Shultz and G. H. Schnur assisted.

2. March 7, 1886, Immanuel's Church, near Ponca, was dedicated. The pastor, Rev. A. B. Shrader, was assisted by Rev. S. B. Barnitz.

3. March 14, 1886, St. Paul's English Lutheran Church of Grand Island was dedicated. The pastor, Rev. J. N. Lenker, was assisted by Revs. F. W. Conrad, D. D., S. B. Barnitz, Wm. Rosenstengel, and others. The sermon was preached by Dr. Conrad.

4. September 5, 1886, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Long Island, was dedicated to the worship of God. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Kimmel, was assisted by Rev. H. P. Hansen.

5. August the 8th, 1886, the Lutheran Church at Lenham was dedicated. The pastor, Rev. J. G. Grönamiller, was assisted by Revs. J. F. Kuhlman and O. L. Luschei.

VACANCIES.

1. Nebraska City is still vacant. On account of existing circumstances, nothing could thus far be done for our people at that place.

2. The English Lutheran congregations of the Ponca Charge have been vacant since August 8, 1886.

VACANCIES SUPPLIED.

1. Rev. L. Knight supplied the Roca congregation from November, 1885, to March, 1886.

2. Rev. F. W. Eyster supplied the Waverly Mission from April to June, when he took charge of the work permanently until a pastor can be secured.

NEW CONGREGATIONS.

1. December 10th, 1885, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dixon Co., Nebraska, was organized under the pastoral care of Rev. A. B. Shrader.

2. May 2d, 1886, a German Lutheran congregation was organized by Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel, at Laramie, Wyoming. Up to the present we have failed in securing a suitable man for this field.

3. On the 13th of June, 1886, Rev. A. Stump organized a congregation of about 20 members at Sidney, Nebraska.

4. Under date of August 23, 1886, Rev. C. Sick informs me that he organized the Germans, whom he had been serving, into a congregation by the name of the German Evangelical Lutheran St. John's congregation in Dakota Co., Nebraska.

5. At the same time he informed me that he also organized the Germans at Emerson, under the name: The German Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul's Congregation.

6. Rev. J. W. Kimmel informs me under date August 13, 1886, that three congregations have been organized in the Republican Valley Mission, at the following places: Franklin, Nebraska, McCook, Nebraska, and at Long Island, Kansas.

7. August 8, 1886, Rev. J. C. Jacoby organized a congregation at Beemer, Cuming Co., Nebraska, by the name: Grace Evangelical Lutheran church of Beemer, Nebraska.

SUGGESTIONS.

Permit me to make the following suggestions:

1. I would repeat a suggestion from my last report, viz.: That the brethren be more prompt in giving their presiding officer proper and immediate notice of all acts which concern this body.

2. That the Constitution of our churches be so amended, that whatever change may take place in the same, particularly when their relation to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America is disturbed, the property belonging to the congregation shall not pass into the hands of parties not belonging to the above-named General Synod, without the consent of said General Synod.

3. That at this meeting of Synod, we take into consideration the appointment of a *suitable man* as a Traveling Secretary for our Synod, and that we take pledges for his support at some convenient time during this Convention of Synod. Further, that a committee of five be appointed, with headquarters at Omaha, who shall have in charge the appointment of the man, the raising of the needed funds, and the direction of the work—all that is done to be done with the consent of the Board of Home Missions.

4. That we urge all our pastors whose congregations are in possession of property, to see to it that their property be properly and immediately insured against fire and storm.

And now, brethren, my work as your presiding officer is done. I thank you most heartily for the honor you have now twice bestowed upon me.

I have endeavored to discharge my duties conscientiously, and for the glory of God.

Mistakes have no doubt been made, but they have been of the head, and not of the heart.

I hand back to you this trust, praying that the mantle may fall upon one more worthy than myself.

C. HUBER.

Election of Officers of Synod.

Election of officers was declared next in order; Revs. B. F. Pugh and W. T. Grommisch were appointed tellers.

The following were elected:

President—Rev. C. Huber, Yutan, Nebraska.

English Secretary—Rev. G. H. Albright, Beatrice, Nebraska.

German Secretary—Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel, Grand Island, Nebraska.

Treasurer—L. F. M. Easterday, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The President requested that all papers intended for Synod be handed in at once.

The following brethren were introduced, and by motion made advisory members of this Synod:

Rev. Stuechlein, Glenville, Nebraska.

Rev. H. O. Opsal, Racine, Wis.

List of Committees.

1. *President's Report*—F. W. Eyster, W. T. Grommisch, J. N. Lenker.

2. *Auditing Committee*—A. B. Shrader, H. W. Fricke, G. Troutman.

3. *Minutes of Last Year*—M. L. Melick, J. Gutleben, H. P. Hansen.

4. *Parochial Reports*—J. S. Detweiler, J. A. Frank, J. W. Kimmel.

5. *Reception of New Congregations*—A. Stump, C. Moessner, J. Miller.

6. *On Excuses*—B. F. Pugh, J. Wolff, J. C. Jacoby.

7. *Apportionment*—L. F. M. Easterday, G. H. Schnur, Jr., H. Schumann.

8. *Letters and Papers*—J. F. Kuhlman, C. Thomsen, C. Baird.

9. *Minutes of North Platte Conference*—J. G. Griffith, R. Neumaerker, A. Cleaver.

10. *South Platte Conference*—G. H. Schnur, Jr., C. Sick, Wm. Oswald.

11. *German Conference*—J. N. Lenker, L. L. Lipe, G. H. Schnur, Sr.

12. *On Resolutions*—L. L. Lipe, A. B. Shrader, R. Neumaerker.

13. *Minutes of Western Conference*—J. N. Lenker, Wm. Thoele, J. Zimmerman.

14. *Committee on Vacant Congregations*—J. W. Kimmel, F. W. Spriegel, J. W. C. Jacoby.

15. *Immigrant Society*—A. B. Shrader, G. H. Schnur, Sr., M. L. Melick.

16. *Synodical Calendar*—L. L. Lipe, D. H. Shultz, R. Neumaerker.

17. *On Cheyenne*—H. P. Hansen, J. N. Lenker, J. W. Kimmel.

18. *Committee on Homer*—L. F. M. Easterday, M. L. Melick, J. C. Jacoby.

By motion, Rev. A. T. Wood, of the Presbyterian Church, was made an advisory member of this Synod.

Treasurer's Report.

The following report was presented by Prof. L. F. M. Easterday, Treasurer of Nebraska Synod.

Report was referred to an Auditing Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

To the President and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

As your Treasurer, I take pleasure in presenting to you the following report for the synodical year ending September 4, 1886:

I. HOME MISSIONS.

Received from ex-Treasurer		$133 65
" " Pastors: regular, $351.16; on appeal, $285.50		636 66
Total		$770 31
Paid to C. S. Weiser, Treasurer		743 00
Balance on hand		$27 31

II. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Received from ex-Treasurer		$129 75
" " Pastors		433 84
Total		$563 59
Paid to O. F. Lantz, Treasurer	$479 50	
" J. A. Clutz, "	53 85	
" Mrs. Hamma, "	23 00	
		556 35
Balance on hand		$7 24

III. CHURCH EXTENSION.

Received from ex-Treasurer		$91 80
" " Pastors		190 96
Total		$282 76
Paid to E. G. Smyser, Treasurer		260 00
Balance on hand		$22 76

IV. GENERAL SYNOD.

Received from ex-Treasurer		$12 97
" " Pastors		31 53
Total		$44 50
Balance on hand		$44 50

V. SYNODICAL TREASURY.

Received from ex-Treasurer		$25 85
" " Pastors		183 37
Total		$209 22
Paid expenses of President	$5 00	
" " English Secretary	4 75	
" " German "	5 00	
" " Treasurer	7 23	
" Exchange	2 32	
" English Pub. House, old account	1 50	
" " " late minutes	68 97	
" German " old account	27 25	
" " " late minutes	62 50	
" balance to Woman's Society	16 15	
		200 67
Balance on hand		$8 55

VI. BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Received from ex-Treasurer		$9 00
" " Pastors		129 50
Total		$138 50
Paid to O. L. Luschei	$100 00	
" W. H. Naffziger	70 00	
		170 00
Account overdrawn		$31 50

VII. PASTORS' FUND.

Received from Pastors	$12 00
Paid to Rev. Dr. Albert, Treasurer	7 00
Balance on hand	$5 00

VIII. WOMAN'S SOCIETY.

Received from Pastors	$10 35
Paid to Mrs. C. J. Ernst, Treasurer	10 35

IX. ORPHANS' HOME.

Received from Pastors	$17 80
Paid to Rev. A. Oberlander, Superintendent	7 60
Balance on hand	$10 20

X. KEARNEY MISSION.

Received from Ex-Treasurer	$19 26
Balance on hand	19 26

XI. CHICAGO SEMINARY.

Received from Pastors	$6 50
Balance on hand	6 50

XII. IMMIGRANT SOCIETY.

Received from Pastors	$1 66
Paid to Rev. M. L. Melick, Treasurer	1 66

Total receipts during year	$2076 45
Total amount paid out	1956 63
Balance in Treasury	$119 82

The accompanying tabulated exhibit, and the stubs of receipts invariably given, indicate the sources whence all the funds came and the various objects for which they were given.

Vouchers for all funds paid out are in readiness to be placed in the hands of an auditing committee.

Most respectfully submitted, L. F. M. EASTERDAY,
Treas. of Synod of Neb.

Treasurer's Exhibit for Synodical Year ending September 4, 1886.

Number	Name of Place.	Name of Sender.	Home Missions. Regular	Home Missions. Appeal.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Beneficiary Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Woman's Society.	Orphans' Home	Inm. Soc. and Chicago Sem.	Total.
1	Beatrice, Neb.	G. H. Albright.	$6 00		$4 50	$5 10	90	$6 48						$22 98
2	Carleton, Neb.	I. N. Augustine	1 50		10 00	85	35	2 00						14 70
3	Laramie, Wyo.	F. N. Andreason.	2 25	$13 00				2 00						17 25
4	Potter, Neb.	Chas. Anderson						5 00						5 00
5	Dakota City, Neb.	C. Baird.	11 37	35 00	38 16	1 00	1 00	1 00						87 53
6	Salem Cong., Neb.	C. Baird.	2 00		2 00	2 00	50	4 90						11 40
7	Omaha, Neb.	J. S. Detweiler.		60 50										60 50
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22	Auburn & Stella.	J. G. Griffith		10 00		8 00								18 00
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Time of Opening and Closing Sessions.

By motion, it was decided that—

8:30 a. m. be the time for devotional services each morning.

9:00 a. m., the time for business session.

11:45 a. m., time of adjournment.

2:00 p. m., afternoon business session.

4:45 p. m., adjournment.

8:00 p. m., evening service.

Adjourned by prayer.

FIRST DAY—SECOND SESSION.

2:00 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer.

After roll call, the following Committees were announced:

Parochial Reports.

The brethren read Parochial Reports, and remarks were made by clerical and lay delegates upon the state of religion. These reports show good work done throughout the synodical territory, and a large increase in the benevolent operations of our churches.

Time for closing having arrived, adjourned with prayer.

EVENING SERVICES.

According to previous arrangements, the services this evening had reference to Home Missions. Addresses were delivered by Rev. A. B. Shrader in the English language, and Rev. C. Moessner in the German language.

After these addresses a collection was taken for Home Missions. Amount of collection, $8.81.

SECOND DAY—FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY. 8:30 A. M.

Devotional services, conducted by Rev. J. A. Frank.

Synod called to order by President at 9 o'clock.

Opened by prayer.

Roll was called.

Minutes were read and approved.

Parochial reports were again taken up, and further comments made on State of Religion.

State Missionary.

On motion, Bro. Robert Weidensall was now given time to present before Synod the subject of procuring a general State Secretary. Bro. Weidensall's address was listened to with the interest the subject demanded.

Report of Committee No. 1.—On President's Report.

Your Committee on the annual report of the President of Synod, respectfully submit the results of their examination of this document:

The report presents an official account of the ecclesiastical events which make up an epitomized history of Lutheran church life and work within the bounds of our Synod during the past Synodical year. Whilst the report reveals our President's fidelity to his official trust, it also exhibits the growth of our opportunities for evangelistic work, and some of the rich, ripe fruits of patient, faithful efforts. The Synod has abundant reason to unite with its presiding officer in ascription of praise to the Giver of all good for His manifold mercies during the past year.

Owing to deferred reports, the President was unable to incorporate several interesting items of intelligence into his report. They have been handed to the Committee as a supplementary statement.

In regard to the suggestions presented for consideration and action, the Committee offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod enjoins upon all its ministerial members the duty of giving to their presiding officer immediate notice of all acts and events that concern this body, so that he may properly discharge his duty of advice and suggestion, and embody such facts in his official report.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod earnestly recommends to all its congregations the propriety of guarding against any future alienation of church property from the Lutheran Church as represented by the General Synod, by the adoption of the Constitution of Churches recommended by the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, or so much of that Constitution as will forever secure

our church property from diversion from its original design and uses in connection with a Lutheran Synod that is a constituent part of the General Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That to facilitate the purpose of the foregoing resolution, the Secretary of Synod is hereby directed to have published in the minutes a copy of the Form of Constitution for Churches recommended by the Board of Home Missions.

4. WHEREAS, in view of our pressing and ever-increasing opportunities of evangelistic work in this state, the time has fully come to secure, if possible, the services of a suitable man to act as Secretary at Large—therefore,

Resolved (1) That pledges be taken for the support of such Secretary at Large during this convention of Synod.

Resolved (2), That a committee be appointed with place of meeting at Omaha, who shall have in charge the appointment of the Secretary, the raising of the needed funds and the general direction of the work, under responsibility to Synod and with the consent of the Board of Home Missions of General Synod.

5. *Resolved*, That in view of recent experience of one of our churches destroyed by lightning, we recommend to our congregations the expediency of insuring their property without delay against fire and storm.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. EYSTER,
J. N. LENKER,
W. T. GROMMISCH.

The following is the Committee on Traveling Secretary: J. S. Detweiler, L. L. Lipe, C. Huber, Robt. Weidensall, L. F. M. Easterday, P. S. Leisenring, J. F. Wilhelmy.

The report of Committee No. 1 having been read, it was moved to adopt it item by item. Time of adjournment having arrived after first item was adopted, it was announced that the further consideration of this report be the first item of business this afternoon.

Adjourned with prayer.

SECOND DAY—SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1886, 2 P. M.

Synod called to order on time, and opened with prayer.

Report of Committee No. 1, pending when Synod adjourned, was taken up. Except the first item, report was deferred until 3 p. m. Friday.

Report of Committee No. 8.—On Letters and Papers.

The following report was presented by Committee on Letters and Papers to Synod:

Adopted item by item.

Item 1. A letter from J. C. Zimmerman, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension. He regrets his unavoidable absence from our present meeting, calls attention to the importance of the work of the Board of Church Extension, asks Synod to make up its full apportionment, and expresses the desire that Synod give a hearing to Rev. Lenker, the representative of the Board.

Your Committee recommend:

1. That our pastors and churches are earnestly urged to remember in their contributions that important agency of our church, and not to fail to meet their full apportionment.

2. That Bro. Lenker be heard before Synod in behalf of the Board.

Item 2. Is a letter from the Joint Council of the Oakland, Tekamah and Grace congregations of Burt county, Nebraska, asking Synod to sanction the action of Council, uniting the above-named congregations into a pastoral charge, to be called the Oakland Charge.

Your Committee recommend that Synod approve their action.

Item 3. A letter from Rev. R. Atkins, of Long Pine, Neb., with a certificate of honorable dismission from the Wittenberg Synod of Ohio, to the Synod of Nebraska. He regrets his inability to be present with us, and pledges himself to send five dollars to the Treasurer of Synod for benevolent purposes.

We recommend that Brother R. Atkins be received a member of this Synod, and his name entered on the roll.

Item 4. Are the papers of Rev. H. O. Opsal, an ordained minister of the church seeking admission to this body.

Item 5. Papers and documents of Rev. E. J. Hall, an ordained minister of the Protestant Episcopal church, who desires to connect himself with this Synod.

Your Committee recommend these applications to the prayerful consideration of the Ministerium.

Item 6. Are first, a certificate under seal from the President of the New York Ministerium, attesting the good moral character, Christian life, doctrinal soundness and faithfulness in pastoral duties of Rev. G. F. Stuechlein.

2. A certificate of honorable dismission, dated June 1, 1886, from the German Congregational Conference.

Your Committee recommend that Rev. G. F. Stuechlein be received as a member of this Synod.

Item 7. A paper asking the appointment of a committee to advise or determine in regard to differences existing between members of Synod.

Your committee recommend that the President appoint a committee of three in this matter.

Item 8. Papers from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

1. A letter from the President of the Society, addressed to this Synod. The letter informs the members of Synod that the next meeting of the Society will be held at Waverly, Neb., on October 13 and 14, cordially inviting all members of Synod to attend the Convention, and urging pastors where no society exists to send congregational delegates.

Your Committee commend the Society to the special attention of pastors and congregations, and express the hope that the invitation and the suggestion to send delegates, will be generally heeded.

2. The report of Corresponding Secretary to this Synod; and,

3. Report of the Treasurer of this Society.

Your Committee recommend that these reports be read before Synod, and entered upon the minutes.

J. F. KUHLMAN,
C. THOMSEN,
C. BAIRD.

On motion, it was decided to hold a meeting of the Ministerium this evening, at the close of the afternoon session.

The following brethren were introduced and invited to seats in this Synod: Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, of the Lutheran Church, Nevada, Iowa, Rev. — Esterbrook, of the M. E. Church, Auburn; also Peter Lanning and A. Kregar, from the Morrill Congregation, Brown county, Kansas, were received as commissioners of that congregation.

Report of Committee No. 10—S. Platte Conference.

The following was presented and adopted:

Your Committee have examined the minutes of the South Platte Conference. We find that said Conference was duly organized September 29, 1885; that the first semi-annual convention was held in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waverly, Neb., November 17, 1885; that the second semi-annual meeting convened in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rising, Neb., April 13, 1886.

The discussions at these conventions show a healthy activity. The brethren are earnestly engaged in the Lord's work, and alive to its every need.

We find nothing in the minutes claiming the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. SCHNUR, Jr.
CHR. SICK,
WM. OSWALD.

Report of Committee No. 5—Reception of New Congregations.

The following was presented and adopted:

The undersigned examined the applications for admission:

1. From the German Evangelical Lutheran congregation east of Hooper, Nebraska.

2. From the German Ev. Lutheran congregation of St. Paul, at Emerson, Nebraska.

3. From the Immanuel English Lutheran congregation in Dixon Co., Nebraska, to be a part of the Ponca charge.

4. From the English Ev. Lutheran congregation at Beemer, Cuming Co., Nebraska, to be a part of the West Point charge.

5. From the Trinity English Ev. Lutheran congregation at McCook, Nebraska.

6. From the English Ev. Lutheran congregation at Franklin, Nebraska.

We found their constitutions according to our formula, and we therefore recommend that they be accepted.

ADAM STUMP,
CHR. MOESSNER,
JOHN M. MILLER.

Constitution.

The Committee appointed to revise the constitution reported. The report was received and committee discharged. A new committee was appointed to have revised constitution printed in cheap pamphlet form to be presented for adoption at next convention of Synod.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The subject under consideration this evening was Foreign Missions. Addresses were made by the following brethren: Rev. F. Spriegel, in the German language, and Rev. B. F. Pugh, in the English language. A collection taken for Foreign Missions amounted to $9.67.

THIRD DAY—FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10, 1886, 8:30 A. M.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. A. Stump.

Synod called to order by the President at 9 a. m.

Opened by prayer.

Roll was called.

Minutes were read and corrected.

The report of Committee on Constitution was again taken up, and referred to a new committee.

Report of Committee No 11—German Conference.

Report was read and referred back to the Committee.

Report of Advisory Home Mission Committee.

The following report was presented to Synod and adopted:

Dear Brethren: Your Committee have no easy task to perform in giving a report which will accomplish some good, and work to the highest interest of the cause. We endeavored to secure information from the various mission fields of our Synod, but we are sorry to say but little was received.

The mission interests of our Synod have made great advancement during the last year. "We have enlarged the places of our tents, we have stretched forth the curtains of our habitation; our cords have been lengthened, and our stakes have been strengthened."

Your Committee being in charge of regular work at home, had neither time nor opportunity to visit the missions of our Synod. In order to give a proper report, this would almost be necessary.

We shall herewith present a brief report of the regular missions of our Synod:

1. *Auburn and Stella.*—This is the mission in whose midst it is our pleasure and privilege to meet. It has only been a few years since this mission was organized. The fact that it is able to entertain such a body as this, is sufficient proof of its healthy condition. This child is almost a man. During the year there has been a change of missionaries. Its former missionary being called further west by the B. H. M., the mission secured the services of Rev. J. G. Griffith as its missionary. We congratulate the mission upon its choice. We are glad to know that it has secured the services of so able and so worthy a man.

2. *Beatrice.*—This mission is still under the pastoral care of Rev. G. H. Albright. We have heard nothing special from this point. We feel sure that the work is in safe hands, and that nothing is left undone for the good of this mission.

3. *Butler County Mission.*—This mission consists of Rising City and David City. The latter place has recently been added to Rising City Mission. Work was commenced at David City by Rev. D. H. Shultz, December 27, 1885. David City being the county seat of Butler county, is an important point. Through the diligent efforts of Rev. Shultz, a number of families were found in the town and surrounding country belonging to our church. He labored there with much energy and self-sacrifice for about seven months. During this time a Woman's Home Missionary Society and a Sunday-school were organized.

It was the desire of your Committee that this should become a mission by itself, but the Home Mission Board did not see its way clear to make an appropriation, it being so near to Rising City. Hence the work was given into the hands of Rev. B. F. Pugh, July 27, 1886.

These two places form now the above-named mission. It is a large and

an important field. During the year the South Platte Conference held a convention at Rising City. We found everything in most excellent condition. The people are united and energetic. They have a most beautiful and substantial church building. The missionary is beloved by his people, and the labors of this servant of the Lord have been greatly blessed.

4. *Denver and Pueblo.*—This mission is under the pastoral care of Rev. H. P. Hansen. We have had frequent correspondence with the missionary during the year. The great difficulty in the way of progress in the work of this mission is the lack of proper places of worship. Some of us know what a hindrance that is to the growth of the work. The missionary writes under date of August 17, 1886, that at Pueblo they have now had five different places of worship, and that the one which they have been using for the last six months, they cannot have after September. He reports the attendance, at that place, at public services very good, only that the people are not satisfied with only one sermon a month. They should have a church building. Would that we could do something for them! Rev. C. A. Roos, who received ad interim license, has been laboring under the direction of Rev. H. P. Hansen. He has been travelling through the mountains of Colorado. In a letter from him he states that in and about Leadville some of his own people can be found who should be gathered into churches, and that many of them are longiug for the bread of life.

5. *Kearney.*—This place, and a number of other points, are under the care of Rev. Starner. In a letter recently received, he informs me that he had been supplying eight different places with preaching; that he had traveled 3942 miles, and preached 111 sermons. This will show that the brother has not been idle in the Lord's vineyard. I have no special information in reference to the condition of the mission, but we trust that it is growing and flourishing.

6. *Lennox, Dakota.*—The Missionary, Rev. Tjaden, reports this mission as in good condition. Peace and harmony reign in their midst. The outlook for the future, he thinks more encouraging now than at any time before. He laments the fact that no more was done by the congregation for benevolent purposes.

7. *Lincoln.*—This mission, under the able and energetic leadership of Rev. L. L. Lipe, is making progress. They have been laboring under some great disadvantages, both in the location of their church, and the kind of a building they have. Steps have already been taken to change the location and build a new church. We will soon have the privilege to contribute our mite to erect a suitable temple to our God, in the capital of our State.

9. *Laramie, Wyoming.*—From this mission I have no special information. We take for granted the work is moving on harmoniously. The German interests have been demanding much time and attention. Rev. Rosenstengel, as stated in the President's report, organized the Germans into a congregation. The outlook seemed bright and prosperous, but not being able to secure the right man at the time, they seem very much discouraged. Whatever can be done for them should be done now.

9. *North Platte.*—We are most happy to report that this mission is very ably supplied. Rev. A. Stump took charge of the work there at the close of 1885. They are at present engaged in building a church. The missionary is also looking after the interests of our Church in other places. At Sidney he organized a congregation. Thus the work is enlarging and widening in the western part of the State.

10. *Omaha.*—Not only are we enlarging in the western part of the State, but the eastern part is not neglected. The B. H. M. commissioned Rev. G. H. Schnur, Jr., to the rapidly growing city of Omaha. Mission work was commenced already last spring by the pastor of Kountze Memorial. Two Sunday-schools have been organized and are in active operation. These are located respectively in North and South Omaha. This is indeed a glorious beginning, which may God richly bless!

11. *Reca.*—We are glad to report that this place has now a pastor located in the town. Ever since the organization of the congregation, this point had been supplied by ministers living some distance from the place. Last spring the services of Rev. J. F. Kuhlman, a pioneer of our Synod, were secured. At present the mission is without a church building, but the prospects are reported as fair that a church will be built yet this fall. We feel confident that this congregation has a bright future before it. Bro. Kuhlman is also supplying our congregation at Morrill, Kans., with preaching for the present.

12. *Republican Valley Mission.*—This mission was opened March 1, 1886. Rev. J. W. Kimmel is the missionary. There are now three regularly organized congregations in the mission, at the following places: Franklin and McCook, Nebraska, and at Long Island, Kan. At the latter place a new church was dedicated on Sunday, September 5, 1886, and at Franklin a church is in process of erection. There are a number of other places where services are held by the missionary. He writes that the mission is 303 miles east and west, and 150 miles north and south. More laborers are needed in this harvest field so fully ripe.

13. *Tekamah.*—This mission has been vacant since the 1st of May. We were greatly rejoiced to receive the information that a pastor had been called to this field. Rev. R. A. White, a licentiate of the Kansas Synod, has taken charge. He preached his first sermon in the charge August 24, 1886. I received no further information, hence I cannot say anything in reference to the present condition of the mission. Knowing, however, that the mission has among its members those who are active, earnest, and able to carry forward the work, we feel sure that its condition is as good as could possibly be expected under the circumstances.

14. *Wayne.*—This mission was vacant during the year for about six months. As is always the case when a charge is vacant, it was by no means for its good. Rev. M. L. Melick received and accepted a call to this mission in February, 1886, and entered upon his labors on the 11th of April, 1886. The missionary writes that he has been meeting with marked success in his labors. He is very hopeful for the future, especially because he has a pious

and zealous membership. He says: "Ours are the most exemplary Christians in Wayne." I would here wish to add that I hope and pray that this is the great and only aim of our labors among the people, that they become true Christians.

15. *West Point.*—This mission became vacant immediately after the meeting of last Synod. It remained vacant for over three months. Rev. J. C. Jacoby accepted a call to this mission, and entered upon his labors during April, 1886. The North Platte Conference held a meeting there shortly afterward. The missionary reports things in rather a favorable condition. He is hopeful for a prosperous future.

16. *Waverly.*—Immediately after the removal of Bro. Melick to Wayne, Bro. W. F. Eyster took charge of the work in this mission. At first he consented to supply the mission with preaching, but in June he accepted a call as its missionary. This he did with the understanding that it should be only so long, until a missionary could be secured to locate among the people. The work at Waverly, under so able and devoted a leader, can not but be in a good condition. We hope and pray that Bro. Eyster may be able to labor long among this people.

17. *York Co. Mission.*—This mission succeeded in calling a pastor soon after the adjournment of our last meeting of Synod. Bro. G. H. Schnur, Sen., visited the field, and accepted a call to the same. This is a great and an important point for our Church. There are two congregations belonging to this mission; the one has a beautiful and well located church building. At this place, the Bethel Church, a very interesting and profitable meeting was held last winter. A large number was added to the congregation. It was our pleasure to aid the missionary a few days in those services. A large community is at present entirely under our care and control. Whilst the missionary may not be satisfied with the result of his labors, yet we are sure that great success has attended his efforts, and that his labors have been abundantly blessed.

These are our regular missions at the present time. It is a matter for which we are to be devoutly grateful, that all these missions are supplied with the preaching of the gospel. We may well sing: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The Loup Region.—The extension of the U. P. and B. and M. R. R. into the country of the south, middle and north Loup rivers, northwest from Grand Island, is opening a rich and promising field for settlement and home mission work. Rev. J. N. Lenker canvassed some of the new towns, and reports that a large Lutheran population has been and is coming to this part of the State. In Loup city, the seat of justice of Sherman county, some twenty Lutherans were found in a short visit, two of whom are prominent bankers, and own a large part of the townsite, and have promised us church lots. There are only a Methodist and a Catholic church. Rockville is a new railroad town without a church, so is also Howard City, and at both places there are more Lutherans than of any other denomination. The same may be said of the towns on the

B. & M. R. R., Ravenna and Broken Bow. We suggest the appointment of a suitable general home missionary for the Loup country, with headquarters in Loup City or Broken Bow.

The great Elkhorn Valley country of northern Nebraska, is now open for settlement and home mission work, by the Chicago & North Western Railroad. The same railroad extends into the Black Hills, and in Dakota, and to Fort Fetterman, Wyoming, presenting an unlimited field to the Nebraska Synod for mission work.

The Field.—Our field reaches from the Missouri to the Pacific coast. This vast territory is ours. Our people are coming by the thousands. Christ says to us, "Give ye them to eat." Many of these people come to us from other lands. As a rule they like the spirit and the polity of the General Synod. They cry to us for men. Several very important points could have been occupied, if we had had the right kind of men. If we had those, we would need little else. The money will come when the people have any at all, if we can place that kind of men in the field.

Our Scandinavian Work.—There is a large field open to us among our Scandinavian brethren. If we, as a Synod, wish to take up that work fully, something must be done by us in order that we may secure the men that are needed for the same. Special efforts should be put forth to supply the great want among that people, so that they might have the bread of life.

Our Missionaries.—It affords us great pleasure to be able to say that our missonaries are able, active, earnest and devoted men. It is not possible to compute the good that has been accomplished by them during the past year; eternity alone can reveal the same.

Special Places Claiming Attention.—We have already called attention to the field which is ours to cultivate, but in this field there are places which are claiming our special and immediate attention. Among these are Lodge Pole, Potter, Denver Junction, Leadville, and the region round about. There are no doubt those present who know more about the true nature and condition of these places than we could tell, and we hope that all the information that can possibly be given will be imparted to this body.

New Features in our Work.—1. It is with pleasure and gratitude that we refer to the new feature in the work of the Home Mission Board in our Synod, namely, in the appointment of Rev. J. W. Kimmel as missionary to Republican Valley. In this vast field of labor it becomes a necessity for some to cover a large territory.

2. We greatly rejoice in the fact that the Church Extension Board has finally seen its way clear to appoint a secretary for the purpose of securing lots in the interest of our church. We congratulate that Board that they were able to find a man in our Synod, and one so well qualified for the discharge of the necessary duties in that work.

Every minister and layman in our Synod should realize the fact that he has a duty resting upon him to aid, in whatever way possible, in securing lots on the best possible terms for the use of our church. Permit us to call attention

to the fac that the carrying out of the new features by these Boards requires money. Let us remember that some of it is expected from our territory. We who are in the midst of this great mission field should not be behind in our contributions to these Boards. May we by God's help and grace be found faithful in all things! Respectfully submitted,

C. HUBER

Home Missions.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary Board of Home Missions, addressed the Synod on the great work of the General Synod in the home field. Having reached the Convention directly from the Pacific coast, he dwelt upon the openings there, and the wisdom of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in taking up that field. The wonderful openings in Oregon, Northern New Mexico and Washington Territories, Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa, indeed *everywhere*, were set forth with earnestness. The Home Mission work of the year, as given to pastors and people, was set forth as follows:

The Cause.—Home Missions has for its object the evangelization of our own land. It seeks to accomplish this, 1st, By gathering into congregations and organizing into churches the scattered members of the household of faith, and helping them to support pastors. Matt. ix. 36. 2. By endeavoring to reach and save those who are still living in sin. 1 Tim. ii. 3, 4. "If this generation is faithful to its trust, America is to become God's right arm in His battle with the world's ignorance and oppression and sin." (*Strong*). "America Christianized means the *world* Christianized." (*Hoppin.*)

The Agency.—The Home Mission work of the General Synod is conducted through the agency of the Board of Home Missions. The Board consists of five ministers and four laymen, appointed every two years by the General Synod, to which body they are also required to make a full report of their work. Under direction of the General Synod, the Board considers and acts upon all applications for missionary aid; receives the contributions of churches and individuals, and bequests for the work, and endeavors conscientiously to distribute the same impartiality so as to accomplish the best results. Each district Synod has also an Advisory Board, or Committee on Home Missions, with whom the Board may consult in regard to the work on its territory.

The Work.—At the present time 90 missionary charges are receiving aid from the Board. Four others have been added during the year, Twenty of them are new missions, taken on the Board since the last General Synod. They are distributed through 21 States and Territories, 43 of them being west of the Mississippi river. They have 7,639 communicant members. They have 91 Sunday-schools, with 9,931 officers, teachers and scholars; and probably not less than 40,000 souls are ministered to directly by our missionaries. Four of the above missions are supported by the Woman's Missionary Society,

and they will begin a fifth at Los Angeles, California, October 1st. The mission in Kansas City, Mo., is known as the "Children's Memorial," and is supported by contributions from the Sunday-schools.

The Workers.—Two Secretaries give all their time to the service of the Board, superintending the work, visiting the missions, inspecting new fields, presenting the cause before Synods, conferences, and congregations, and soliciting funds, etc. During the year closing April 1, 1886, 93 missionaries were in the employ of the Board, who preached 6,735 sermons, made over 18,000 pastoral visits, and performed innumerable other services, the effects of which can not be computed in time, nor expressed in words.

The Results.—The best results of these labors cannot be tabulated. Many of them will not be known until that day in which all secrets will be revealed. Many a seed of truth has been sown which will bear fruit in coming years. Waves of influence have been started which will roll on until they break on the shore of eternity. The full record of all this is kept by God alone. We can report, however, as a part of the immediate and tangible outcome of faithful work, that during the year closing April 1, 1886, 444 persons were received into the mission churches by confirmation, 146 by adult baptism, 357 by letter from other Lutheran churches, 85 by letter from other denominations, and 389 by restoration or renewal of profession of faith, making a total accession to the communicant membership of 1421, or an average of over 16 for each mission.

The Field.—No language can exaggerate either the extent, or the importance, or the rich promise of the Home Mission field of the Lutheran Church in the United States. No other denomination has so many of its own people needing to be cared for by missionary effort. Besides the many promising openings for work in the growing towns and cities of our Eastern and Central States, and among our people who are going by hundreds from our churches in the East to settle in the newer states and territories west of the Mississippi, there are literally tens of thousands of Lutherans coming here every year from foreign lands, especially from Germany and the Scandinavian countries. Most of these must look to the missionary zeal and effort of the Lutheran Church for whatever pastoral attention or Gospel privileges they are to enjoy. Especially is this true of the Anglicized children of these immigrants, who need English churches and pastors. Truly, "the harvest is great, but the laborers are few."

The Funds.—From April 1, 1885, to April 1, 1886, the Board expended in the work $30,901.17. During the same same time they received from the synods $23,057.95; from the Woman's Missionary Society, $2,400; from individuals, $1,168.90; from the Publication Society, $1,000; from legacies, $144; from Sunday-schools, not credited to synods, $141.66; collection at General Synod, $117.87; total, $28,030.38. Though this is about $5,000 more than we received the previous year, it is still nearly $2,000 less than the $30,000 asked for by the General Synod. But for the Appeal issued by the Board last spring, and the quick and generous response to it, there would have been a deficiency of over $10,000, which would have greatly crippled the work.

The Needs.—Two words embody them; *men—money*. More ministers to gather and care for the scattered sheep of the flock, and to go after and save the lost—this is the first great need of the Church. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." More money to assist in the support of these laborers is our second great need. If the work is not to suffer greatly, the Board must have every dollar of the $30,000 annually, called for by the last General Synod. This can easily be raised if every congregation will come up at least to their apportionment. Are there not also many individuals who can and will make *special* contributions for this work as thank-offerings to God for special mercies and favors? And the receipts from legacies should be much larger. More of our people should remember the claims of God and the Church in their wills, and leave some of their possessions to go on doing good when the hands that have gathered them are still in death.

The Motive.—The love of God and of His Christ, the love of souls for whom Christ died, the love of the Church which is our spiritual mother, love of country and the principle of stewardship, all unite in commending this great work of Home Missions to our sympathy and support. And all unite in urging us to special zeal and liberality at the present time. It is plainly a crisis time—a time of great opportunities and great responsibilities, especially for our Lutheran Church. Shall we not strive to be equal to the occasion? Shall we not heed the call of Providence to increased activity and liberality? One man now is worth ten men ten years hence. Every dollar given now is worth a hundred then. Truly may we say of this work: "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

The Journal.—We commend the *Lutheran Missionary Journal* to all our pastors and people as the best means for spreading missionary information and arousing a missionary spirit. It costs only 25 cents a year to clubs of ten or more. It should be in every home in the General Synod.

On motion, Cheyenne was referred to a Committee of three. The following is the Committee appointed:

Revs. J. N. Lenker, H. P. Hansen, and J. W. Kimmel.

Report of Committee No. 3—Minutes of Last Year.

The following was presented, and adopted item by item.

Committee No. 3 respectfully report that the proceedings of last year's Convention present the following items of unfinished business claiming attention:

1. By resolution, recorded on page 12, it was again declared the duty of every pastor to report promptly to the President all events that are usually embodied in the President's report. It is proper to ask whether this has been fully complied with by every pastor? (No, nothing was required.)

2. On page 13, we read that if the Synods of Northern Illinois, and of Iowa, held in the fall of 1885, should decide to pursue the matter of determining definitely with regard to the ownership of Carthage College property,

and should agree upon a plan of action, the President and Secretaries of this Synod should, as a Committee, be considered competent to act for this body. Was anything done during the year requiring action by these officers? (No.)

3. Orphans' Home. It appears on page 26 that a Committee of five members of this Synod, including Rev. J. G. Grönmiller, was appointed to establish an Orphans' Home in connection with this Synod. Has this Committee made any progress? (Nothing has been done.)

4. On page 28, we find that the following resolutions were presented to Synod, and adopted, on *German Church Work:*

1. It shall be the duty of every pastor to read the *House Friend*, and try to get subscribers for the same. Has this been generally complied with? (Yes.)

2. It shall be the duty of each pastor to take shares, and try to get stockholders among his people. Has this been generally complied with? (Yes.)

5. On page 37 we find that a committee of two was appointed to gather the standing resolutions of our Synod for publication in the minutes of this convention. Are all such resolutions ready for publication? (No.)

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. MELICK,
H. P. HANSEN,
JOHN GUTLEBEN.

Rev. Boyd, of the Presbyterian Church of Auburn, was introduced and made an advisory member of this body.

Adjourned with prayer.

THIRD DAY—SECOND SESSION.

2 P. M., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1886.

Synod called to order on time.

Opened with prayer.

Minutes of last session were read and corrected.

Supplementary Report of Committee No. 5.

The following was adopted:

Your Committee has examined the application for admission into this Synod of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, in Otoe County, Neb. We feel justified in recommending its acceptance.

ADAM STUMP,
CHR. MOESSNER.

Report of Committee No. 8—On Letters and Papers.

The above Committee reported the following, which was adopted: namely, Item 6 of said report, having reference to Rev. G. F. Stuechlein, of Glenville,

Neb., becoming a member of this Synodical body. Also Item 7 of said committee was adopted and referred to the following committee: M. L. Melick, Adam Stump, and Bro. J. Stein.

Advisory Member.

Rev. Shaffer, of Iowa Synod, was introduced and made an advisory member of this body.

Report of Committee No. 12.

The Committee on Western Conference reported the following, which was adopted:

Committee No. 12, on the Western Conference, would respectfully report that the brethren who compose this conference being at present eight in numbers, scattered from Denver, Colorado, and Laramie, Wyoming Territory, to Central City, Nebraska, could not conveniently meet before the meeting of Synod at Auburn, Nebraska.

On September 9th, 1886, the brethren assembled and the following officers were elected.

President, Rev. A. Stump; *Secretary*, Rev. J. W. Kimmel; *Treasurer*, Rev. J. N. Lenker.

The next meeting is to be held in Sidney, Nebraska, on Tuesday evening before the full moon in November, 1886.

J. ZIMMERMAN,
W. THOELE.

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

The following time and place for next meeting were decided:

Place—Beatrice, Nebraska.

Time—Tuesday before the full moon in September, 1887.

Resolution.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, It has been publicly announced that the citizens of Homer have declared their willingness to erect a building for educational purposes, and donate the same to the Nebraska Synod of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America;

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with the citizens of Homer concerning the proposed donation, and that said committee confer with the General Synod Board of Education, and in all respects be empowered to act for the Nebraska Synod, except that they shall not involve the Synod in financial responsibility, and that their work shall be under the supervision of the General Synod Board of Education.

On motion the second item in Report of Committee No. 1, on President's Report, was called up from the table and

adopted. The remaining items of same report were also adopted item by item.

Adjourned with prayer.

EVENING SERVICES.

Services to-night had reference to Church Extension. Addresses on the subject were delivered by Rev. C. Sick, in the German language, and by Revs. W. F. Eyster and J. N. Lenker, in the English language. A collection was taken, to be for the benefit of the Auburn congregation, amount $11.39.

FOURTH DAY—FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1886.

8:30 a. m. Devotional services conducted by Rev. R. Neumaerker.

9 a. m. Synod called to order.

Opened with prayer.

Roll was called.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Report of Committee No. 2.—Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee reported the following, which was adopted:

We have carefully examined all the accounts and find them in good order and correct.

A. B. SHRADER,
A. W. FRICK,
GEO. H. TROUTMAN.

Partial Report of Committee No. 12.—Resolutions.

The following was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter all parochial reports, accompanied by a written statement on the state of religion, be placed in the hands of the committee on parochial reports not later than the second day after the opening of Synod, who shall report in substance the whole to Synod.

WHEREAS, The dissemination of missionary intelligence among our people is the best means of increasing the efficiency of our general Boards; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod of Nebraska congratulates the publishers of the *Lutheran Missionary Journal* on the great improvement of their sprightly monthly; and

Resolved, That this Synod most earnestly recommend the immediate and thorough canvass of every pastorate in the interests of said journal.

Resolved, That we, the Nebraska Synod, through our delegates, memorialize the General Synod at its next meeting to instruct its Board of Publication to issue the *Lutheran Sunday-School Herald* semi-monthly instead of monthly.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to establish a book depository at some suitable place in Nebraska.

Report of Committee No. 17—Cheyenne.

The following was adopted:

Your Committee on Cheyenne would respectfully recommend,

1. That in view of the great interest this Synod has in the city of Cheyenne, a committee of three be appointed to go to Cheyenne and consult with the Germans and Scandinavians with regard to the future work in said city.

2. As there is already considerable money subscribed for a church in the city of Cheyenne, this Synod recommend to the Board of Home Missions and Board of Church Extension, that in their treatment of the Nebraska Synod, they know of no difference between nationalities where the congregation have adopted the Constitution recommended by the Board of Home Missions, and give to the congregation of Cheyenne the same privilege as at other places, where the Board have church lots.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. KIMMEL,
H. P. HANSEN,
J. N. LENKER.

Chicago Seminary.

The following report was made by Rev. J. G. Grönmiller, and adopted:

Your Director to the German Lutheran Seminary at Chicago, Ill., would report that he was not able to attend any meetings of the Directors, but from a letter received from the Superintendent of said Seminary learned that the school was opened in November, 1885, and that several young men received instruction. We learn that eight or nine young men made application for admission into the Seminary.

In view of the great want of German pastors to do work in our church, we recommend that that school be supported to the amount of our abilities.

I. We also recommend that three directors be elected at this meeting to represent us at that Seminary.

II. We also recommend that the work of our German Publication Board be

supported to the best of our abilities in securing subscribers for the *Hausfreund*, *Jugendleuchte*, and *Kindergarten*.

Prof. L. F. M. Easterday reported a bill from the German Publication Society, of $5.00, for printing German Constitution. Bill was allowed, and the amount ordered to be paid by order on Treasurer of Synod.

Committee No. 14—Vacant Congregations.

The following was presented and adopted:

1. *Ponca Charge* (two congregations).—We believe they are capable of caring for themselves, and have no recommendations to make.

2. *St. Paul's, of Brown Co., Kansas.*—This congregation has passed through severe trials in the past year, and deserves the hearty sympathy of this body. They have sent two Commissioners to plead their cause, and ask that Synod may use its influence in helping them secure the services of Rev. J. F. Kuhlman, if possible, in connection with Roca. Your Committee recommend compliance with request.

3. *Ogalala, Neb.*, is vacant, and your Committee recommend that the Committee on Cheyenne visit Ogalala, and the care of said congregation be placed in the hands of Rev. Stump.

J. W. KIMMEL,
J. C. JACOBY,
FR. SPRIEGEL.

Trustees of Chicago Seminary.

The following were elected by ballot:

Rev. J. G. Grönmiller, for three years.
Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel, for two years.
Rev. C. Moessner, for one year.

Report of Committee No. 4—Parochial Reports.

This Committee gave their report, which was adopted (See Parochial Table).

The following action was taken with reference to Rev. C. J. Starner: It was decided on motion that the President give him *ad interim* license for one year.

With reference to incorporating Synod, it was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed, of which Judge Church, of Auburn, shall be a member, to examine the matter and report to Synod.

Report of Committee No. 11—On German Conference.

One very profitable meeting of this Conference was held in Pastor Moessner's congregation, May, 1886. The Conference has pledged $200 for the

German Theological Seminary of the General Synod in Chicago. We recommend at their request that it be credited on their apportionment. We recommend also, that a committee of three be appointed to examine into the complaints against Revs. Klockenmyer and Kaiser, and visit Wilbur to learn of the relation of the congregation there to our body, and report to the President of Synod.

J. N. LENKER,
G. H. SCHNUR.

Adjourned with prayer.

FOURTH DAY—SECOND SESSION.

2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer.

Minutes of last session were read and approved.

Report of Committee No. 16—On Calendar.

The following report was read and adopted:

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

President—Rev. C. Huber, Yutan, Neb.
English Secretary—Rev. G. H. Albright, Beatrice, Neb.
German Secretary—Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel, Grand Island, Neb.
Treasurer—Prof. L. F. M. Easterday, Lincoln, Neb.

EDUCATIONAL BOARD AND EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. G. Grönmiller,	Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel,
Prof. W. F. Eyster,	Rev. C. Moessner,
Rev. J. S. Detweiler,	Rev. J. Wolff.

ADVISORY BOARD HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. C. Huber, Rev. G. H. Albright, Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT YEAR.

	English.	*German.*
Home Missions,	Rev. J. G. Griffith,	Rev. W. T. Grommisch.
Foreign Missions,	Rev. M. L. Melick,	Rev. W. C. Thomsen.
Church Extension,	Rev. A. Stump,	Rev. E. A. Frank.
Ordination,	Rev. J. S. Detweiler,	Rev. J. Wolff.
Benevolence,	Rev. J. C. Jacoby,	Rev. F. R. Stuechlein.
Preparatory,	Rev. G. H. Schnur,	Rev. R. Neumaerker.
Communion,	Rev. L. L. Lipe,	Rev. Chr. Moessner.

TIME OF MEETING.

To be the Tuesday evening preceding the first full moon in September.

PLACE OF MEETING.

Beatrice, Neb., G. H. Albright, Pastor.

Respectfully submitted, L. L. LIPE,
D. H. SHULTZ,
R. NEUMAERKER,
Committee.

Report of Committee No. 6—On Excuses.

Your Committee would respectfully report the following letters received from Bros. M. J. Tjaden, L. Knight, C. J. Starner, G. W. Simpson, J. N. Zimmer, and A. T. Ludwig, asking to be excused for non-attendance at this meeting of Synod. Your Committee recommend that all these brethren be excused.

The following brethren in attendance on the meetings of this Synod have been excused: Bros. Spriegel, Gutleben, Fricke, Thoele, Stuechlein, Gronmisch, Kuhlman, Miller and Wiedensall.

Your Committee would inquire, Is the report correct, that Rev. J. N. Zimmer has united with the Congregational Church?

B. F. PUGH,
J. WOLFF,
J. C. JACOBY.

Beneficiary Education Committee.

Your Committee on Education respectfully report:

(1) That Mr. H. Luschei received $100, and, having pursued his studies at the Chicago Theological Seminary to our entire satisfaction, is now a licentiate of this Synod.

(2) Mr. W. H. Naffziger, a student of Carthage College, received $70.00. We have had no recent correspondence with Mr. Naffziger, and have nothing to recommend concerning him.

(3) Mr. August Doran has applied through our Committee for beneficiary aid. Having examined him, we find that he is a young man of talent and piety, and recommend that he be received on the Education Fund of this Synod, and be granted $100.00 for the ensuing year.

J. G. GRÖNMILLER,
WM. ROSENSTENGEL,
CHR. MOESSNER,
J. S. DETWEILER,
W. F. EYSTER,
J. WOLFF.

Item 1. Adopted.

Pending consideration of Item 2, Synod adjourned to meet immediately after Preparatory services.

Preparatory Services

Were conducted by Rev. Geo. H. Schnur, Sr. Text, Rom. xii. 5.

Beneficiary Education Committee.

Consideration of the Education's Committee was resumed.

Item 2, amended to read, That the balance of the $100 promised last year to Mr. Naffziger be paid, and he be retained on the funds of the Synod for another year, and be paid $100.

Amended by Rev. Shultz as follows:

Resolved, That the Synod instructs the Educational Committee to correspond with Bro. Naffziger upon the course he is pursuing, and should he be found to be submirsive and willing to pursue the direction of the Educational Board of this Synod, to pay him the balance of this year's appropriation, and continue him upon the funds of the Synod the coming year.

Adopted as amended.

Item 3. Adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

Adjourned.

EVENING SERVICES.

Services to-night had reference to General Benevolence. Addresses were made by the following: Rev. E. J. Hall and Rev. S. B. Barnitz.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran.—Morning Services: Rev. M. L. Melick, Communion Services. Afternoon, 3 p. m., Rev. J. G. Grönmiller. Evening Services—Ordination, Rev. L. L. Lipe, J. G. Grönmiller.

Presbyterian Church, Auburn, Neb.—Morning, Rev. J. S. Detweiler. Evening, Adam Stump.

M. E. Church, Auburn.—Morning, Rev. C. Baird. Evening, Rev. J. C. Jacoby.

Stella, Neb.—Morning, Rev. G. H. Albright. Evening, Rev. S. B. Barnitz.

St. John's, Febing.—Morning, Rev. G. H. Schnur, jr.

Baptist Church, Auburn.—Morning, Rev. A. B. Shrader. Evening, Rev. B. F. Pugh.

FIFTH DAY—FIRST SESSION.

AUBURN, MONDAY, SEPT. 13, 1886.

8:30, devotional services, conducted by Rev. A. B. Shrader.

9:00 a. m., Synod called to order.

Opened with prayer.

Roll was called.

Minutes read and adopted.

The following Committee was announced on Constitution: J. S. Detweiler, Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel, and Rev. G. H. Schnur.

Delegates to General Synod.

The election of Delegates to General Synod was declared in order, and Revs. Detweiler and Grönmiller were appointed Tellers.

The following were elected:

	Clerical.	*Lay.*
1.	Rev. J. S. Detweiler,	Prof. L. F. M. Easterday,
2.	" C. Huber,	Mr. A. Kountze,
3.	" J. G. Grönmiller,	" J. J. Stein,
4.	" H. P. Hansen,	" R. Weidensall,
5.	" L. L. Lipe,	" G. H. Troutman,
6.	" Wm. Rosenstengel.	" W. P. Miller.

ALTERNATES

	Clerical.	*Lay.*
1.	Rev. Geo. H. Schnur,	Mr. E. R. Christa,
2.	" Chr. Moessner,	Prof. W. Ebright,
3.	" J. N. Lenker,	Hon. U. Bruner,
4.	" G. H. Albright,	Mr. H. C. Lohff,
5.	" B. F. Pugh,	" J. Frerichs,
6.	" A. B. Shrader.	" W. A. Heimberger.

Funds for Orphans' Homes.

It was moved that all persons sending money to Treasurer of Synod for Orphans' Home, designate for which home the money is intended.

Resolved, That the names of the officers of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Children's Missionary Society, Immigrant Society, and the Board of Education, be printed on the inside of the cover of the minutes of Synod with the names of the officers of the Home Mission, Foreign Mission, and Church Extension Boards. Also *Missionary Journal*, organ of Mission Boards of General Synod, York, Pa., and Superintendents' names of Orphans' homes.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to dispose of the fund on hand for Kearney Mission, in accordance with the order which may be given by the President of Synod.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, It is almost impossible to secure a sufficient number of hymn books and hymnals necessary to have all the congregations participate in the service, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Synod of Nebraska, do hereby request the delegates from this body to the next General Synod, to call the attention of said body to the necessity of publishing a five-cent edition of the form for the opening of service.

Resolved, That this Synod recognize the form of "Pastor's call" prepared by Rev. J. C. Jacoby as complete and suitable in every respect.

Resolved, That a sufficient supply be kept in the hands of our secretaries, and so far as possible our pastorates be influenced to use them in calling pastors.

Report of the Western Secretary of the Board of Church Extension.

The following was adopted:

1. Since the new movement of the Board of Church Extension of the General Synod to secure desirable sites for churches and parsonages in all the promising towns of the West, is of such an extensive character that it is impossible for one commissioned agent of the Board to do this important work as it ought to be done, therefore would we most earnestly request all our ministers, whether in the active service or not, all our members who own extensive landed interests in the West, and all our people located where we have no lots, to correspond and co-operate with their agent to realize the desires of the Board.

2. We are convinced of the importance of not losing trace of a single

Lutheran family who moves to a place without a Lutheran church, since one family may be the means of securing church lots and organizing congregations, and in this public manner we request all such members themselves, and their pastors, to send their full addresses to the "*Lutheran Address Center*," Grand Island, Neb., which has been of great assistance in our work, and should be perfected.

3. Our short experience in this line of work teaches us that we should not be satisfied with anything but *the very best sites* in every new town, and it would be unwise to take *any* lots that may be offered in the suburbs of small towns, when by a little effort to collect money in the town, with a small gift from abroad, we would secure the *best* locations. And since the possession of the best sites encourages our people so much more, we call attention to the opportunity of giving the Board $25 and $50 gifts to have *choice* lots deeded to the Board to memorialize themselves or a friend. The Nebraska Synod, so greatly indebted to the lot mission work for a large part of its church property, should have a special interest in this work in the future, and set a worthy example to others.

4. We believe that our Lutheran people have located in the best farming sections of the State, as well as in the most promising towns, and our people coming from the East, as a rule, can do as well temporally, and certainly always better spiritually, by settling where they will have Lutheran Church privileges. We would, for the sake of Christ's cause, the Lutheran Church, and the people themselves, request all Lutherans coming West to settle where we have, or may soon have, a church. At the following places the General Synod has lots: Ord, one lot, worth $150; St. Paul, one lot ($175); Gothenburg, two lots ($150); Sidney, two lots ($2000); Lodge Pole, two lots ($110); David City, two lots ($500); Beemer, one lot ($75); Omaha, five lots deeded by Mr. Olson, a Scandinavian member of the Kountze Memorial Church, to said church ($2000); Falls City, two lots ($500); Republic, Republic county, Kan., two lots ($140); Hollenberg, Kan., two lots ($150); Cheyenne, Wyoming Terr., two lots ($2500)—twenty four lots, worth about $8000; add the value of the lots at Grand Island and North Platte, where we recently erected churches, which were given to us, and we have some $30,000 in twenty-eight lots With the help of the brethren, and the blessing of God, this will before many years be increased to $100,000.

5. We think it very wise for congregations which have as yet no lots for parsonage sites, to take steps to secure the same now, while it may be done at little expense. When we erect an edifice to the worship of God, let us not be satisfied unless we have at least two lots for the same.

6. Since the Board of Church Extension has requested their agent to bring before the Synod the importance of increasing the *loan fund*, and the congregation, in the midst of whom we meet, has a loan from the Board of $500, due the 16th of next November, half of which they are sure of, and request that an earnest effort be made during Synod to raise the balance, we hope the Synod will comply with their request.

Report of Committee No. 7—Apportionment.

The following was adopted:

Your Committee make the following distribution of the figures representing funds to be raised by congregations during the year now opening:

Pastors.	Congregations.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Beneficiary Education.	Number.
G. H. Albright.	Beatrice, Neb	$9 00	$9 00	$7 30	$0 70	$3 65	$7 30	45
I. N. Augustine.	Carlton, Neb	4 60	4 60	3 80	35	1 90	3 80	23
F. M. Andreason	Laramie, Wyoming	30 00	30 00	25 00	2 25	12 50	25 00	150
C. Baird.	Dakota City, Neb	10 00	10 00	8 40	75	4 20	8 40	50
J. S. Detweiler.	Omaha, Neb.	32 00	32 00	27 00	2 40	13 50	27 00	160
W. F. Eyster.	Waverly, Neb	13 00	13 00	10 80	1 00	5 40	10 80	65
J. Frank.	Plattsmouth, Neb	7 00	7 00	5 80	50	2 90	5 80	35
H. W. Fricke	Hooper, Neb	17 00	17 00	14 00	1 25	7 00	14 00	85
J. G. Griffith.	Auburn, Neb	18 00	18 00	15 00	1 35	7 50	15 00	91
J. Gutleben	Fontanelle, Neb	15 40	15 40	12 80	1 15	6 40	12 80	77
W. T. Grommisch	St. Joseph, Mo.	7 00	7 00	5 80	35	2 90	5 80	35
J. G. Grönmiller	Hanover, Kan	24 00	24 00	20 00	1 80	10 00	20 00	120
H. P. Hansen	Denver, Col	17 60	17 60	14 60	1 30	7 30	14 60	88
C. Huber	Yutan, Neb.	4 80	4 80	4 00	40	2 00	4 00	24
J. C. Jacoby	West Point, Neb	14 00	14 00	11 80	1 10	5 90	11 80	71
J. W. Kimmel	McCook, Neb	6 00	6 00	5 00	50	2 50	5 00	30
J. F. Kuhlman	Roca, Neb.	6 00	6 00	5 00	50	2 50	5 00	31
L. L. Lipe	Lincoln, Neb.	8 60	8 60	7 10	70	3 50	7 10	43
O. L. Luschei	Greenleaf, Kan.	3 20	3 20	2 60	25	1 40	2 60	16
Ch. Moessner	Columbus, Neb.	27 00	27 00	22 50	2 00	11 25	22 50	135
M. L. Melick	Wayne, Neb.	9 60	9 60	8 00	75	4 00	8 00	48
R. Neumaerker	Barada, Neb.	16 00	16 00	13 30	1 20	6 60	13 30	80
B. F. Pugh.	Rising City, Neb.	10 60	10 60	8 80	80	4 40	8 80	53
W. Rosenstengel	Grand Island, Neb	16 80	16 80	14 00	1 35	7 00	14 00	84
Ch. Sick	Ponca, Neb.	21 00	21 00	17 60	1 60	8 80	17 60	106
F. W. Scheibel	Amazon, Neb.	10 00	10 00	8 30	75	4 20	8 30	50
H. Siekmann.	Hastings, Neb	5 60	5 60	4 60	40	2 30	4 60	28
F. W. Spriegel.	Centre Valley, Neb.	12 00	12 00	10 00	90	5 00	10 00	60
A. B. Shrader.	Grand Island, Neb	8 00	8 00	6 80	65	3 40	6 80	41
	Ponca, Neb	16 60	16 60	13 80	1 25	6 90	13 80	83
C. J. Starner	Central City, Neb.	16 80	16 80	14 00	1 30	7 00	14 00	84
Adam Stump	North Platte, Neb	20 00	20 00	16 60	1 50	8 30	16 60	100
G. H. Schnur	Danby, Neb	9 20	9 20	7 60	70	3 80	7 60	46
H. Schumann	Boheet, Neb.	8 00	8 00	6 60	60	3 30	6 60	40
M. J. Tjaden	Lennox, Dak.	4 00	4 00	3 30	30	1 65	3 30	20
W. Thoele.	Ohiowa, Neb.	12 80	12 80	10 60	1 00	5 30	10 60	64
Ch. Thomsen	Home, Kan.	11 80	11 80	9 80	90	4 90	9 80	59
J. Wolff	Sterling, Neb.	7 80	7 80	6 50	60	3 25	6 50	39
R. A. White.	Oakland, Neb	17 80	17 80	14 80	1 35	7 40	14 80	89
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Respectfully submitted,

L. F. M. EASTERDAY,
G. H. SCHNUR,
H. SCHUMANN.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are due, and are hereby tendered, to the following railroads for favors kindly granted: the B. & M., the U. P., and the M. P.

Resolved, That we cordially thank the pastor and people of Auburn for the kind hospitality extended to the members and friends of Synod during our

stay among them—thanks to be extended to St. Paul's congregation by the President to-night.

Resolved, That this Synod recommend to the Board of Publication to print the tracts on the General Synod in the Norwegian and Danish languages.

Resolved, That we request of Bro. Rosenstengel the manuscript of his sermon delivered at the opening of our Synod, for publication in our German minutes.

Supplementary Report of Committee No. 14—Vacant Congregations.

Adopted item by item.

1. Nebraska City First Evangelical Lutheran church is vacant. The property and congregation should have the immediate attention of Synod.

2. The congregation at Febing belonging to this body, is virtually vacant, and requests instructions from this body. Your Committee recommend that a committee be appointed to adjust matters at each of these places, with instructions to act at once.

J. W. KIMMEL,
J. C. JACOBY.

Resolution.

Resolved, That we hereby express our regret because so many of our pastors find themselves under necessity to leave Synod before its close. It is the wish of this body that all members of Synod in the future make provision so as to be able to remain at Synod to its close.

Moved, that report of Committee on Papers and Letters be adopted as a whole.

Immigration Society.

We, your Committee on Immigrant Work, report as follows:

There was received and dispensed through the President and Treasurer the sum of $198.67; 417 packages and 280 letters were sent out by the President. A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at Wayne, Nebraska, June 19th, at which some advance steps were taken. We recommend this important branch of the Synod's work to the careful consideration of our people.

A. B. SHRADER,
G. H. SCHNUR.

Incorporation.

The following report was adopted, and the following were elected Trustees:

Revs. L. I. Lipe, L. F. M. Easterday, and C. J. Ernst, for 1, 2 and 3 years, in the order in which they are named.

Your Committee on the incorporation of this Synod would report that they have investigated the matter and do now make the following recommendations:

1. That this convention do now elect three of its number who, with the President and English Secretary, shall constitute the Executive Council of this body, and that one of the three be elected to serve for one year, another two years, and another for three years, and that hereafter one be elected at each annual meeting of this body.

2. That the Synod do now order this Executive Council of five thus created to prepare and file papers in the office of the Secretary of State in the State of Nebraska, as may be proper in order fully to comply with the Statutes of the State of Nebraska, and provide for the full and complete legal incorporation of this body.

3. That this Executive Council be and they are hereby empowered to act for the Synod in any manner which may be necessary in order to perform regularly and finally this matter of incorporation.

Respectfully submitted, L. F. M. EASTERDAY,
L. L. LIPE.

The following pledges were taken to support a secretary in this Synod:

Traveling Secretary.—Schnur, $5; Pugh, $10; Huber, $15; Rosenstengel, $5; Lenker, $25; Schrader, $10; Andreason, $5; Frank, $5; Lipe, $25; Neumaerker, 5; Detweiler, $25; Thomsen, $25; Jacoby, $10; Schnur, $15; Stump, $20; Griffith, $10; Hansen, $5; Grönmiller, $10.

The following committee was announced on Cheyenne: Revs. Adam Stump, Rosenstengel, Lenker.

Committee of Kaiser and Klockenmyer: Revs. Albright, Grönmiller, Eyster.

FIFTH DAY—SECOND SESSION.

1:30 P. M.

Synod opened by prayer.

Report of Committee on North Platte Conference.

Your Committee on North Platte Conference, not being able to examine the minutes, have made enquiry of the members of Conference, and found that regular meetings have been held.

J. G. GRIFFITH,
R. NEUMAERKER.

On motion, it was decided that 700 copies of the minutes be printed.

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

As an official duty the Corresponding Secretary of the W. H. & F. M. Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska would offer the following report:

1. Your meeting at Auburn being appointed for so early a date after August 31st, when our year ends, it is not strange that I have received only a small part of the reports of congregational societies for the last quarter of the year. It is therefore impossible now to make definite use of figures in a report which would do perfect justice to our Society.

2. The reports in hand indicate that during the year much work has been done systematically and well, and in a manner very creditable to some of the congregational societies. However, the number of active members and the amount of money reported as having been sent to our Synodical Treasurer, are not equal to our desires.

3. We would respectfully represent our cause to the women of our church through our pastors, earnestly praying that the woman's missionary work in Nebraska may be greatly increased in efficiency and influence.

4. My intimate relationship with the Treasurer of your body puts me in possession of the fact that in a few cases funds raised distinctively by the women have been sent by the pastors to him. With due respect to that officer, I respectfully suggest that all such funds be sent directly to our Synodical Treasurer. I would also suggest that the women who do thus collect missionary funds should surely consider the propriety of regularly organizing and furnishing quarterly reports to the Synodical Society officers.

5. Our next annual convention will probably be held at Waverly about the middle of next month. Until that time the officers of our Synodical Society remain as reported last year. At our prospective meeting at Waverly any and all of the members of Synod will be heartily welcome.

Very respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. F. M. EASTERDAY, *Syn. Cor. Sec.,*
W. H. & F. M. Soc. of the Ev. Luth. Syn. of Neb.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 4, 1886.

W. H. AND F. M. SOCIETY,
OFFICE OF THE SYNODICAL TREASURER FOR NEBRASKA,
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, *September* 9, 1886.

To the Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, now in Session at Auburn, Nebraska:

I herewith beg to submit my report of moneys received by me since the meeting of Synod one year ago up to this date, with one or two quarterly reports from delinquents to hear from. Thinking that it may be more satisfactory to you, I make this report this time in the form of a tabulated statement, as follows:

Tabulated Statement.

From.	For General Fund	For Home Missions	For Foreign Missions	For Denver	For Women's Hospital	For Female School	For Muhlenberg Mission	Printing of Minutes and Current Ex.	Totals
Auburn W.H. & F. M.S.	$5 50	$4 50	$2 80	. . .	$2 50	. . .	. . .	$1 00	$15 30
Dakota City "	4 85	2 25	3 00	12 50	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	22 60
Danby "	1 50	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1 50
Fontanelle "	10 00	5 00	5 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	20 00
Grace, Tekamah Charge "	15 30	. . .	. . .	8 92	. . .	. . .	. . .	1 15	24 67
Lincoln "	13 00	5 00	5 00	11 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	1 00	35 00
Omaha "	39 24	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	39 24
Ponca "	19 58	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	19 58
Rising "	. . . .	7 89	5 26	5 50	. . .	. . .	. . .	1 00	19 65
Waverly "	8 15	. . .	. . .	5 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	13 15
Wayne "	4 50	2 00	4 00	6 00	. . .	. . .	3 30	2 00	21 80
Tekamah "	. . . .	. . .	. . .	7 00	2 00	1 25	. . .	1 00	11 25
Stella "	4 25	. . .	3 15	50	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	7 90
West Point "	10 80	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1 00	11 80
Yutan "	15 50	1 40	1 50	9 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	27 40
L. F. M. Easterday, Treas. Neb. Synod . .	. . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	25 00	25 00
Rev. W. T. Grommisch, St. Jos., Mo. . . .	2 08	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	2 08
Rev. F. Spriegel, Centre Valley	1 50	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1 50
Totals and Grand Total..	$155 75	$28 04	$28 71	$64 72	$4 50	$1 25	$3 30	$33 15	$319 42

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. J. ERNST, *Synodical Treasurer.*

Synod adjourned to meet one year hence at Beatrice.

Hymn No. 434 in Book of Worship was sung, and Synod adjourned with prayer and the benediction.

G. H. ALBRIGHT,
English Secretary.

MINISTERIUM.

AUBURN, NEB., SEPT. 9, 1886, 4 P. M.

The Ministerium met at 4 p. m., by order of the President.

Opened with prayer.

The following was presented for consideration: Item 4 in Report of Committee on Letters and Papers for Synod, which has reference to the letter and request of Rev. H. O. Opsal. After considerable discussion and information on the motion that this brother be received as a member of this body, the matter was referred to the Examining Committee of the Synod.

Adjourned with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

AUBURN, FRIDAY, SEPT. 10, 1886, 4 P. M.

Opened with prayer.

Item 5 of Report of Committee on Letters and Papers was presented to Ministerium. (See Item 5 in Report.) Adopted.

A letter having reference to Rev. R. Neumaerker was read before the Ministerium, after which it was moved that the two forenamed brethren be most cordially received as regular members of this Synod and Ministerium.

Report of Examining Committee.

The following report was presented and adopted:

Your Examining Committee respectfully report:

1. Rev. Geo. H. Schnur, Jr., a licentiate of the Synod of Central Illinois, applies for ordination. Having presented two manuscript sermons and his pastoral journal during a brief ministry, and these being deemed satisfactory, he is recommended to the Ministerium for ordination. Revs. H. Schumann and H. Luschei, licentiates of this Synod, have been examined by us and we recommend them for ordination.

2. Mr. Charles A. Roos applies for licensure. The committee examined him in motives for seeking the ministry, church homiletics and dogmatics, and recommend that he be granted license for one year or as much of this time as he shall labor under the direction of the President.

3. Hans O. Opsal applies for admission as an ordained minister. After hearing his statement we recommend that he forward to the President of Synod his ordination papers and all accessible printed or written documents, or copies of the same, relating to his former ministerial standing, and if deemed satisfactory by the President he shall be received as a member of Synod, and his name be added to the roll of this Ministerium.

4. Mr. W. C. McCool applied for licensure. Inasmuch as the applicant was formerly ordained to the Christian ministry, no examination was considered necessary as in the case of an ordinary applicant. Owing to the peculiar circumstances of the case, we present this application for your careful consideration and judgment.

J. G. GRÖNMILLER,
WM. ROSENSTENGEL,
CHR. MOESSNER,
J. S. DETWEILER,
W. F. EYSTER,
J. WOLFF.

Committee.

On motion, the application of Mr. W. C. McCool was granted.

Resolved, That we consider it an abuse of the sacred office, and irreverent, for a member of this Synod to publish or cause to be published his membership in this Synod as a means of advertising a secular business, and

Resolved, That the President communicate this resolution to any brother who so advertises his business.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, 5:30.

Ministerium opened with prayer.

Minutes approved.

Report of Executive Committee adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee No. 3, continued before the Ministerium.

1. In the minutes of last year's meeting, we see that the case of Rev. C. F. J. Kaiser was referred to President of Synod. Have there been any developments in the matter that will appear before us this year? (Referred to the Ministerium. No developments in the case.)

2. With reference to Rev. Dirks, we find this resolution:

Resolved, "That he is hereby suspended from the gospel ministry in the Lutheran Church of the General Synod, according to Sec. 7, Chap. 12, of Formula of Church Government, and that his name be stricken from the list of our clerical members."

1. Is it proper to strike his name from our roll if he was only suspended? (No.)

2. If suspended, then is there any reason for considering his case at this meeting? (Referred to the Ministerium. Yes.)

The consideration of Item 2 was deferred to Monday.

It was moved that the matter now before us, concerning the suspension of Rev. Dirks, be proceeded with according to our Formula and discipline.

Carried.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY, OCT. 13, 1886, 11:30 A. M.

Report of Committee on Mr. Dirks.

A verbal report was given by Rev. A. Stump. The following was the action taken:

Your Committee appointed to confer with Brother Dirks, having attended

to their duty, respectfully recommend that we as a Synod remove his suspension and re-enter his name upon the list of membership.

ADAM STUMP,
R. NEUMAERKER.

Adjourned with prayer.

G. H. ALBRIGHT, *Secretary.*

PAROCHIA

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	PAROCHIAL.													
				Losses.			Accessions.						Finance.		
		Churches.	Stations.	Death.	Certificate.	Excommunication and all others.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for the
G. H. Albright, Beatrice, Neb. Isaac N. Augustine, Carleton, Neb.	Trinity.	1	-	-	-	3	-	2	3	7	-	45	$3500 00	$3000 00	$
C. Baird, Dakota City, Neb.	Christian.	1	1	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	
J. S. Detweiler, Omaha, Neb.	Salem	1	1	-	2	-	5	1	-	-	-	50	*	-	
J. Frank, Plattsmouth, Neb.	Kountze Memorial	1	-	1	-	-	17	2	8	13	9 - 6	160	50000 00	11000 00	
H. W. Fricke, Hooper, Neb.	Ev. Lutheran	1	-	6	-	-	29	-	3	-	-	35	-	-	
J. Gutleben, Fontenelle, Neb	St. Paul's and St. John's.	2	4	1	2	-	49	-	13	-	-	85	2000 00	100 00	
W. T. Grommisch, St. Joe, Mo.	Ev. Lutheran	1	2	-	-	-	20	-	9	-	-	77	1500 00	-	
J. G. Grönmiller, Hanover, Kan.	Zion's	1	1	3	3	-	13	-	14	-	-	35	5400 00	325 00	
H. P. Hansen, Denver Col.	Zion's & St. John's	2	-	2	-	-	28	-	17	-	-	120	5000 00	400 00	
	Trinity (Denver)	1	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	
	Emanuel's (Pueblo	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	
	Scandinavian (Cheyenne)	1	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	37	3000 00	-	
C. Huber, Yutan, Neb.	Zion.	1	1	1	3	-	4	-	2	6	-	24	4500 00	200 00	
J. W. Kimmel, McCook, Neb.	1st (Franklin)	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	15	-	20	2000 00	1300 00	
	Trinity (McCook)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	12	500 00	-	
	Arapahoe, Neb. & Almena, Kan.	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
L. I. Lipe, Lincoln, Neb	St. Mark's	1	-	-	1	-	5	1	2	3	1	45	5000 00	2350 00	
J. N. Lenker, Grand Island, Neb.	St. Paul's	1	1	1	5	-	10	-	2	17	-	41	16000 00	4000 00	
Chr. Moessner, Columbus, Neb.	St. John's	1	2	4	-	2	29	-	16	-	-	135	2500 00	-	
M. L. Melick, Wayne, Neb.	St. Paul's	1	1	-	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	48	3400 00	800 00	
R. Neumaerker, Barada, Neb.	St. Peter's, St. Mary's and St. John's	3	1	8	2	-	39	-	13	-	-	80	3850 00	850 00	
B. F. Pugh, Rising City, Neb.	First Ev. Lutheran	1	2	-	1	-	4	2	2	5	-	41	4650 00	1000 00	
B. F. Pugh, David City, Neb.		-	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	
Wm. Rosenstengel, Grand Island, Neb.	St. Paul's	1	1	-	-	-	30	-	5	-	-	84	1800 00	800 00	
Ch. Sick, Ponca, Neb.	Salem's, Ponca, St. John's, Dakota County	4	-	9	-	-	23	-	3	-	1	106	600 00	-	
	St. John's, Neukircheim.														
	St. Paul's, Emerson														
G. H. Schnur, Danby, Neb.	Bethel	1	-	-	-	-	8	4	5	7	-	37	1525 00	400 00	
F. W. Scheibel, Amazon, Neb	Zion's	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	9	-	9	75 00	-	
F. W. Spriegel, Centre Valley, Neb.	St. Paul's	1	2	1	-	-	6	2	2	-	-	50	-	-	
A. B. Shrader, Ponca, Neb.	St. Luke.	1	2	11	-	-	46	-	14	-	-	60	1600 00	-	
J. G. Griffith, Auburn, Neb.	Emanuel's	1	-	-	-	-	19	1	-	1	-	13	2000 00	-	
J. G. Griffith, Stella, Neb.	St. Paul	1	-	-	-	-	6	2	4	3	-	60	4000 00	500 00	
A. B. Shrader, Ponca, Neb.	Trinity	1	-	2	-	-	2	3	-	9	-	31	2000 00	-	
J. C. Jacoby, West Point, Neb.	Salem's	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	70	3000 00	-	
	Grace	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	15	100 00	-	
	West Point	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	56	1800 00	375 00	
C. J. Starner, Kearney, Neb.	New Sweden	1	-	-	-	-	16	-	3	-	-	30	900 00	100 00	
	Prairie Creek	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	
	Kearney	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	3500 00	1800 00	
	Lutherville	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	-	
M. J. Tjaden, Lennox, Dakota Ter.	Emanuel's.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	350 00	-	

*Destroyed by lightning.

REPORT.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.						BENEVOLENCE.										
Lutheran.	Union.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions.	Members of Children's Missionary Society.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Mis. Soc.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.
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Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Losses.				Accessions.					Finances.		
		Churches.	Stations.	Death.	Certificate.	Excommunication and all others.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for All Objects.
G. H. Albright, Beatrice, Neb.	Trinity	1				3		2	3	7		45	$8500 00	$5000 00	$1460 00
Isaac N. Augustine, Carleton, Neb.	Christian	1	1		4		2					23			200 00
C. Baird, Dakota City, Neb.	Salem	1	1		2		5	1	3	9		50	*		300 00
J. S. Detweiler, Omaha, Neb.	Kountze Memorial	1		1			17	2	8	13	6	160	90000 00	11000 00	5300 00
J. Frank, Plattsmouth, Neb.	Ev. Lutheran	1		6			29		3			35			450 00
H. W. Fricke, Hooper, Neb.	St. Paul's and St. John's	2	4	1	2		49		13			85	2000 00	100 00	700 00
J. Gutleben, Fontenelle, Neb.	Ev. Lutheran	1	2				20		9			77	1500 00		400 00
W. T. Grommisch, St. Joe, Mo.	Zion's	1	1	3	3		13		14			35	5400 00	525 00	800 00
J. G. Grönmiller, Hanover, Kan.	Zion's & St. John's	2		2			28		17			120	5000 00	400 00	
H. P. Hansen, Denver Col.	Trinity (Denver)	1					12					23			120 00
	Emanuel's (Pueblo	1					3					28			168 00
	Scandinavian (Cheyenne)	1					6					37	3000 00		98 00
C. Huber, Yutan, Neb.	Zion	1	1	1	3		4		2	6		24	4500 00	900 00	1500 00
J. W. Kimmel, McCook, Neb.	1st (Franklin)	1					3		5	15		20	2000 00	1500 00	520 00
	Trinity (McCook)	1								12		12	500 00		550 00
	Arapahoe, Neb. & Almena, Kan.		2												13 00
L. L. Lipe, Lincoln, Neb.	St. Mark's	1			1		5	1	2	3	1	45	3000 00	1950 00	353 31
J. N. Lenker, Grand Island, Neb.	St. Paul's	1	1	1	5		10		2	17		41	16000 00	4000 00	1300 00
Chr. Moessner, Columbus, Neb.	St. John's	1	2	4		2	29		16			135	2500 00		530 00
M. L. Melick, Wayne, Neb.	St. Paul's	1	1		2		4					48	3400 00	800 00	175 00
R. Neumaerker, Barada, Neb.	St. Peter's, St. Mary's and St. John's	3	1	8	2		39		13			80	3850 00	850 00	530 00
B. F. Pugh, Rising City, Neb.	First Ev. Lutheran	1	2		1		4	2	2	5		41	4650 00	1000 00	2600 00
B. F. Pugh, David City, Neb.			1				4					12			137 30
Wm. Rosenstengel, Grand Island, Neb.	St. Paul's	1	1				30		5			84	1800 00	800 00	
Ch. Sick, Ponca, Neb.	Salem's, Ponca, St. John's, Dakota County														
	St. John's, Neukircheim	4		2			23		3		1	106	600 00		400 00
	St. Paul's, Emerson														
G. H. Schnur, Danby, Neb.	Bethel	1					8	4	5	7		37	1535 00	400 00	269 00
F. W. Scheibel, Amazon, Neb	Zion's	1					1			2		9	75 00		130 00
F. W. Spriegel, Centre Valley, Neb.	St. Paul's	1	2	1			6	2	2			50			22 00
A. B. Shrader, Ponca, Neb.	St. Luke	1	2	13			46		14			60	1600 00		440 00
J. G. Griffith, Auburn, Neb.	Emanuel's	1					19	1		1		13	2000 00		195 00
J. G. Griffith, Stella, Neb.	St. Paul	1					6	2	4	3		60	4000 00	500 00	800 00
A. B. Shrader, Ponca, Neb.	Trinity	1	2				2	3		9		31	2000 00		300 00
J. C. Jacoby, West Point, Neb.	Salem's	1					2	2				70	3000 00		1000 00
	Grace	1									15	15	200 00		2 50
	West Point	1		1			2			1		56	1800 00	375 00	178 30
C. J. Starner, Kearney, Neb.	New Sweden	1					16		3			30	900 00	100 00	
	Prairie Creek	1										19			
	Kearney	1										9	3500 00	1800 00	
	Lutherville	2										26			
M. J. Tjaden, Lennox, Dakota Ter.	Emanuel's	1										20	330 00		75 00

*Destroyed by lightning.

REPORT.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.						BENEVOLENCE.										
Lutheran.	Union.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions.	Members of Children's Missionary Society.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Mis. Soc.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.
1	.	11	70	$32 00	. .	40	$1 48	$9 75	$6 90	$5 10	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	$5 00	$27 73
1	1	13	70	40 60	34	. . .	2 00	2 00	10 50	2 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	16 50
1	.	6	75	92 53	. .	. . .	. .	10 40	26 50	. .	$8 00	$27 60	. . .	. . .	. . .	72 50
1	.	22	275	175 00	. .	$3 00	7 50	176 25	115 00	120 00	13 60	38 19	. . .	. . .	5 00	478 04
1	.	7	30	18 00	. .	. . .	5 00	8 00	8 00	7 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	37 10	65 10
1	.	8	75	10 00	. .	1 00	6 50	4 00	8 00	. .	20 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	39 50
1	.	8	100	. . . .	. .	1 60	6 00	20 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	57 60
1	.	7	50	49 25	. .	40	1 40	6 00	6 00	5 10	. . .	. . .	. . .	$7 25	. . .	26 15
1	.	7	80	. . . .	. .	3 00	6 00	31 00	48 00	15 00	25 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	128 00
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1	.	10	90	124 33	. .	50	1 10	12 00	5 00	15 00	5 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	10 00	48 60
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1	.	12	64	7 79	10	50	2 00	8 00	8 00	7 00	. . .	16 20	. . .	. . .	. . .	41 20
3	.	10	55	. . . .	. .	1 00	8 00	8 60	8 75	5 00	15 00	. . .	. . .	5 00	. . .	51 35
1	2	15	101	31 20	. .	1 00	6 05	15 00	6 00	4 65	3 00	26 00	. . .	. . .	5 50	67 20
1	.	7	41	13 75	. .	. . .	50	2 50	. . .	. . .	. . .	5 75	. . .	. . .	. . .	8 75
1	.	1	25	12 00	. .	. . .	78	5 00	11 50	11 70	10 80	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	39 78
3	.	10	72	2 15	. .	1 00	4 00	18 00	18 00	5 00	6 00	9 85	. . .	. . .	. . .	64 00
1	.	6	44	10 00	11	1 00	3 00	9 00	6 75	5 50	5 60	5 50	. . .	. . .	. . .	36 35
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2	.	8	45	. . . .	. .	1 50	5 00	20 00	20 00	2 00	20 00	1 50	5 00	5 00	. . .	80 00
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1	.	13	90	29 00	60	50	2 00	14 12	26 50	8 00	25 00	11 70	. . .	. . .	. . .	87 82
1	.	10	75	10 00	30	30	1 20	14 05	13 50	10 75	25 00	8 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	72 80
1	.	11	65	75 00	24	1 00	5 00	25 00	15 00	13 15	5 00	20 00	. . .	. . .	. . .	84 15
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1	.	8	60	38 62	. .	1 50	3 00	13 00	13 00	13 00	7 00	14 80	2 00	1 95	. . .	79 25
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| Pastors' Names and Addresses. | Congregations, Names of. | PAROCHIAL. | | |

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Lutheran.	Union.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions.	Members of Children's Missionary Society.		General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Mis. Soc.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.
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